

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2692
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2001
REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE DOCTORS
KANTI SINGH;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of quacks practising (un-qualified doctors) are flourishing in the country;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Medical Council of India has prescribed any code of conduct for private doctors and get them registered with the Medical Council in each State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) & (b): No survey has been conducted about the number of quacks practising (un-qualified doctors) flourishing in the country.
- (c) to (e): The Council has prescribed Code of Medical Ethics.As per provision Section 15(1) of the I.M.C. Act, 1956, the medical qualifications included in the Schedule shall be sufficient qualification for enrolment on any State Medical Register.As per provisions of Section 15(2) of the I.M.C. Act, 1956 no person other than medical practitioner enrolled on a State Medical Register: -
 - (a) Shall hold office as physician or surgeon or any other office (by whatever designation called) in Government or in any institution maintained by a local or other authority:
 - (b) Shall practice medicine in any State:
 - (c) Shall be entitled to sign or authenticate a medical or fitness certificate or any other certificate required by any law to be signed or authenticated by a duly qualified medical practitioner.
 - (d) Shall be entitled to give evidence at any inquest or in any court of law as an expert under section 45 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 on any matter relating to medicine.